

Licensing Sub-Committee

Held at:	Council Chamber - Civic Centre Folkestone
Date	Tuesday, 11 October 2022
Present	Councillors Mrs Jennifer Hollingsbee, Jim Martin and David Wimble
Apologies for Absence	
Officers Present:	John Bickel (Licensing Specialist), James Clapson (Case Officer (Committee)), Tim Hixon (Legal Specialist), Sue Lewis (Case Officer (Committee)) and Briony Williamson (Licensing Specialist)
Others Present:	Mrs Shaun Tottman, local resident, Mr Kerry Bigford on behalf of local resident. Mr Christian Brown and Miss Emilie Miller-Hastings, applicants

36. **Election of Chairman for the meeting**

Proposed by Councillor Jim Martin
Seconded by Councillor David Wimble and

Resolved: To appoint Councillor Mrs Jenny Hollingsbee as Chairman for the meeting.

37. **Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

38. **An application to vary the Premises Licence in respect of: Park Inn Hotel, 2 Radnor Park Rd, Folkestone CT19 5AU**

The report outlines the application made by Park Inn Hotel Ltd to Vary the existing Premises Licence for this premises.

The decision for the Licensing Sub-Committee was whether to grant the application to vary the premises licence, pursuant to the Licensing Act 2003.

In reaching its decision the Sub-Committee carefully considered all the information provided at the hearing including:-

- (i) The report presented by Licensing Specialist Briony Williamson
- (ii) The Applicant's submissions ;
- (iii) The representations received;
- (ii) The provisions of the Licensing Act 2003 and the four licensing objectives;
- (iii) The Council's Statement of Licensing Policy "the Policy"
- (iv) The guidance issued by the Secretary of State under s.182 of the Licensing Act 2003

Mr Shaun Tottman, local resident, spoke of his concerns related to when patrons leave the premises and then proceed to fight, shout, take drugs and generally cause a public nuisance in the residential area.

Mr Kerry Bigford spoke on behalf of local resident Vincent Crofts, raising similar issues to the first speaker but explained that he was also concerned with litter relating to drugs, rubbish and canisters being left in resident areas, together with drinking outside into the late evening. He felt that if the garden at the rear of the premises could be closed in the evening this would help with noise pollution.

The Sub-Committee suggested that any issues of concern should be raised with the police who could then collate a log of calls. This would help them to identify it as a hot spot, which it is not at the moment.

Mr Chris Brown and Miss Emilie Miller-Hastings, as the applicants informed the Sub-Committee that they were happy to close the garden at the rear of the premises to ensure that patrons left from the front. They have doorman working each evening, they will and have barred patrons who partake in criminal activities.

They have worked hard to improve the pub and want to work with residents to ensure that issues do not arise. Some of the issues raised are out of the control of the applicants but they would certainly look at anything that will help the residents.

It was noted that the premises have CCTV in place covering all areas accessible to the public.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Jenny Hollingsbee
Seconded by Councillor David Wimble and

Resolved:

Having considered the all the evidence presented at the hearing, the Sub-Committee determined to grant the application with the following amendments and imposed conditions:

- To extend the sale of alcohol to 23.30 on Friday and Saturday

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- To extend the opening hours to midnight on Friday and Saturday
- Reject the extended hours for recorded music
- Accept all other elements of the application

Conditions

- No public access to rear beer garden after 22.00
- Rear door to the premise to be kept closed from 22.00
- Join pub watch exclusion scheme

The Sub-Committee gave the following reasons for their decision:

Reasons:

Restricting use of the rear beer garden after 22.00, closing the rear door from 22.00 and extending the opening hours until midnight on Fridays and Saturdays will allow for the staggered dispersal of patrons from the premises and will serve to promote the licensing objective of preventing public nuisance.

(Voting: For 3; Against 0; Abstentions 0)